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## **Sen. Stamas welcomes the Rev. Paul Owens to Senate floor**

**LANSING** – Senator Tony Stamas, R-Midland, today hosted the Rev. Paul Owens of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alpena to give the Senate invocation immediately before session.

“It is always a pleasure to have someone from the 36<sup>th</sup> district visit Lansing,” Stamas said. “It was an honor to have one of the 36<sup>th</sup> district’s religious leaders here to lead us in prayer. Pastor Owens gave a gracious blessing for the members of the Michigan Senate today, and I am proud to have him represent the 36<sup>th</sup> district before my colleagues.”

“It is a privilege to be here and to be invited to lead our elected officials in prayer,” Owens added. “I consider it an honor to pray for those with the guts and presence of mind to volunteer to serve. It is not an easy thing to be a public leader.”

Reverend Owens was joined by his son, John, and congregation member Don Urban today at the state Capitol Building for Senate session and the invocation.

**A photograph of Reverend Owens and Sen. Tony Stamas on the Senate floor following the invocation and Senate session can be found on the Senate Majority Photowire at [www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Stamas/Stamas.htm](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Stamas/Stamas.htm).**

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